

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CORINA LOWREY,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRY  
MANAGEMENT, LLC,

Defendant.

No. 2:23-cv-00185-TLN-DB

CHRISTEN LYNCH,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRY  
MANAGEMENT, LLC,

Defendant.

No. 2:23-cv-00251-DAD-DB

**RELATED CASE ORDER**

Defendant filed a Notice of Related Cases on April 27, 2023. (ECF No. 6.) Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals they are related within the meaning of Rule 123 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. Under Local Rule 123, two actions are related when they involve the same parties and are based on the same or similar claim(s); when they involve the same transaction, property, or event; or when they

“involve similar questions of fact and the same question of law and their assignment to the same Judge . . . is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort.” L.R. 123(a). Further,

[i]f the Judge to whom the action with the lower or lowest number has been assigned determines that assignment of the actions to a single Judge is likely to effect a savings of judicial effort or other economies, that Judge is authorized to enter an order reassigning all higher numbered related actions to himself or herself.

L.R. 123(c).

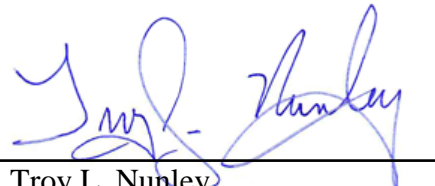
The instant actions are related because they involve similar claims against Defendant arising from the same alleged data breach that occurred on July 5, 2022. As such, the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, and assignment to the same judge would “effect a substantial savings of judicial effort.” L.R. 123(a), *see also* L.R. 123(c).

Relating the cases under Local Rule 123, however, merely has the result that both actions are assigned to the same judge, it does not consolidate the actions. Under the regular practice of this Court, related cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned. Should either party wish to consolidate the actions, the appropriate motion or stipulation must be filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:23-cv-00251-DAD-DB is reassigned to District Judge Troy L. Nunley and Magistrate Judge Deborah Barnes, and the caption shall read 2:23-cv-00251-TLN-DB. Any dates currently set in 2:23-cv-00251-DAD-DB are hereby VACATED. The Clerk of the Court is to issue the Initial Pretrial Scheduling Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: May 10, 2023

  
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Troy L. Nunley  
United States District Judge